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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, KE

SUBJ: FIRESTONE PROBLEMS IN KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 4785, 5008

1. IN ABSENCE ON AUGUST 1, OF BOTH HUNT AND FIRESTONE PRESIDENT LEPAGE, AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTELS TO KIPLING, ASSISTANT TO LEPAGE FOR OPERATIONS, AND READ HIM QUOTED PORTION OF KIANO LETTER NAIROBI 5008. KIPLING SAID THAT JENSEN HAD REPORTED BY PHONE JULY 31 CHARGE'S MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WITH HIM. JENSEN ALSO STATED GOK HAD SET WHEELS IN MOTION TO IMPORT 10,000 TIRES WHICH WILL PROBABLY APPEAR ON MARKET IN 4 TO 5 MONTHS. COOTE REVIEWED KIANO'S EARLIER SUGGESTION OF DETAILED REVIEW OF ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF KENYA PLANT BY TOP-LEVEL OFFICIAL OR INDEPENDENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND SPECULATED ON RATE OF AFRICANIZATION AS POSSIBLY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SITUATION.

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2. KIPLING MOST APPRECIATIVE RECEIVING ABOVE INFORMATION

WELL AS EMBASSY NAIROBI INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE. SAID HE  
WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH MESSRS. LEPAGE AND HUNT UPON  
THEIR RETURN NEXT WEEK, AND IF ANYTHING FURTHER DEPT OR  
EMBASSY COULD DO TO BE HELPFUL, WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US  
AGAIN AT THAT TIME. ROGERS

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